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SUBJECT : MECHANICAL FAILURE IN BRAKES OF GM LOCOMOTIVE
APPARENTLY ELIMINATED AS POTENTIAL CAUSE OF ZAGREB
TRAIN WRECK

REF : A. ZAGREB 257; B. STATE 244758, 11/6/74

1. ON APRIL 8, 1975, THE DRIVER OF THE LOCOMOTIVE INVOLVED IN THE ZAGREB TRAIN WRECK, NIKOLA KNEZEVIC, REVISED HIS EARLIER STORY AND TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS "DOZING" AS THE TRAIN ENTERED THE ZAGREB STATION AT 104 KILOMETERS PER HOUR. KNEZEVIC'S ADMISSION, WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS "CONFIRMED" BY THE ASSISTANT DRIVER, STJEPAN VARGA, APPARENTLY ELIMINATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT A POTENTIAL MECHANICAL PROBLEM IN THE BRAKES OF THE GM LOCOMOTIVE (REF A) COULD BE FOUND TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL, EXPERTS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT THE LOCOMOTIVE'S BRAKES WERE IN ORDER AT THE TIME OF THE WRECK. IN ADDITION, ONE EXPERT TESTIFIED THAT THE TYPE OF GM LOCOMOTIVE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH WAS AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

3. SINCE THE CONGEN HAS FACILITATED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE COURT APPOINTED EXPERTS AND THE GM LOCOMOTIVE DIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO INFORM MR. W. E.
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BECKER, GENERAL SERVICE MANAGER OF GENERAL MOTORS ELECTRO-

MOTIVE DIVISION (9301 WEST 55TH STREET, LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS)
ABOUT THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRIAL.
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